EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2003 River Lodge Conference Center of the Eel River Valley 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, California

ITEM: 20

SUBJECT: Update on Development of Proposed Categorical Waiver Policy for Irrigation

Return Water Discharges

DISCUSSION:

At the January 23, 2003, Regional Water Board meeting, staff presented an initial draft of the subject policy to the Board for review and comment. In accordance with direction from the Board, staff has modified the draft policy to attempt to address concerns expressed by the Board. Staff anticipates that the draft policy will be finalized no later than immediately after the Board meeting on February 27. Copies of the final draft will be provided to the Board upon completion. Staff will seek final guidance from the Board on February 27, 2003.

PRELIMINARY STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item. There is no need for action. The

Board may wish to direct staff to make further modifications to the

report.